

Curriculum subjects

Over the next half term your children will continue to work towards achieving their learning targets. I have high expectations for each child and would like to work in partnership with parents. So, if you have any comments about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Our integrated topic is "Road Trip-a learning journey through the Americas"

English

Learning in English will be centred on the theme of Journeys which links with our topic "Road Trip" The children will choose different text types to write depending on the purpose they are writing for. However, particular attention will be given to narrative writing.

Our grammar and punctuation focus will have a variety of elements:

- Consolidating learning from year 5.
- Using inverted commas accurately.
- Building cohesion within paragraphs.
- Recognising types of sentence and manipulating order of sentences.

Spelling will have different elements from key objectives which need to be learned in Year 6:

- using the spelling pattern -ough
- adding -ible/ able to words
- adding suffixes to words ending in -fer.

Reading continues to be an essential part of children's learning and they will take part in a Readers Workshop (Monday-Friday) which may involve targeted Guided Reading sessions led by myself. A reminder that children are expected to read for 30 minutes each evening and this year complete 5 entries in their reading records.

Mathematics

Each unit of maths learning has an element of reasoning and problem solving. The main focus of work will be:

- Consolidating understanding of place value and working with numbers to 10,000,000.
- Addition and subtraction with an emphasis on consolidating formal written methods and applying these to problem solving situations.

Science

Our science will be integrated into our topic. The main knowledge focus will be on looking at the various life cycles of plants and animals, paying particular attention to the different biomes in which they are found.

In addition, the children will develop their investigational skills with a focus on

- Devising questions which can be tested.
- Making predictions based on their own knowledge and understanding of the world.
- Drawing results tables.

Geography

"Road Trip" is the title of our geography topic. On a trip through North and South America, we will study differing biomes considering the weather, plant life and the land uses in the area.

Computing

Computing will develop the children's understanding of using the internet effectively searching information that will support their learning in our topic. In addition, they will use a variety of software to present their learning.

Religious Education

Our unit this half term will focus on Islam. We will look at how Muslims show their commitment to God through their actions paying particular attention to the Five Pillars of Islam.

Physical Education/Games

We will begin our year focusing on invasion games; the children will develop their skills in hockey and football.

We will cover a unit of work on dance which links to our topic and is entitled Rainforest.

Music: Mrs Cockroft

This half term the class will be focusing on duration in music and will be exploring more complex rhythms through learning a 2 part song called "Chocolate Molinillo".

The class will also be learning how to play percussion accompaniment of the song and they will then be reading the melody line of the song, clapping it first then learning to play it on the glockenspiels, before learning the song in English and Spanish. They will also be listening to different types of Latin American music with the intent of comparing and contrasting the music heard with an awareness of the music's intent and purpose.

Modern Foreign Languages: Mrs Donald

This half term children will learn about school objects and school subjects. They will express opinion on school subjects using new and prior learning. They will continue to use the verb to have and make more complex sentences using nouns, adjectives and the conjunction **mais** (but).



Other Information

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday and then collected in on Tuesday. Homework task-sheets will be put into the children's homework books when homework is set and work will be completed in their books and handed in. It is expected that homework will be completed neatly and that due care and attention will be paid to presentation. Homework is normally a culmination of class work or a consolidation of previous work for revision purposes. It also serves the purpose of preparing children for a future lesson.

Core Learning Values

We are continuing to develop our core learning values of working together, independence, creative and critical thinking and reflection. This term, as we are year 6, we will be placing particular emphasis on gaining independence.

PE kit

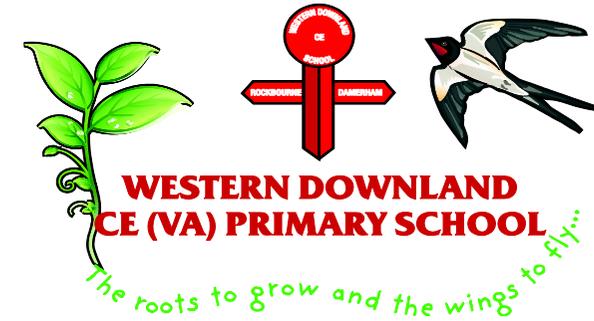
Your child will need a PE kit on Monday and Friday although occasionally this may be adapted if needed. Please ensure that any inhalers are also brought into school if your child suffers from asthma. A note is always required if your child cannot take part in a PE lesson.

Dates for the diary:

Welcome to Year 6 meeting- Tuesday 19th September

Harvest Service- Friday 29th September

Parent Consultations- Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th October



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Thematic enquiry- "Road Trip"

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